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FOR MAYNES FROM BAKER

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SUBJECT: US REPRESENTATIVE TO UNESCO; HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMISSIONER.

1. WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHETHER YOU AND MOOSE HAVE
REACHED DECISION ON THIS MATTER.

2. APART FROM DON TOUSSAINT'S OWN PERSONAL INTEREST,
THERE ARE TWO SITUATIONS IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE INVOLVING
CONGRESS WHERE SUBJECT OF US REPRESENTATION COULD
WELL ARISE:

-- NUMBER OF STAFFERS FROM BOTH HOUSES ARE ANXIOUS TO
MEET WITH DON TO DISCUSS UNESCO MATTERS, INCLUDING
OUTCOME OF RECENT EXECUTIVE BOARD SESSION;

-- WE HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT SENATOR RIBICOFF WILL LEAVE
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FOR EUROPE ON MAY 25, PLANS STOP IN BOTH PARIS AND
GENEVA, AND WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH UNESCO OFFICIALS
IN PARIS. WE BELIEVE DON SHOULD OFFER TO MEET WITH
RIBICOFF BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE.

NEEDLESS TO SAY, IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE, IN SESSIONS
WITH BOTH STAFFERS AND RIBICOFF, IF DON HAD SOMETHING

DEFINITE TO SAY ABOUT OUR US REPRESENTATIVE TO UNESCO.

3. JUST BEFORE LEAVING WASHINGTON, MOOSE WAS INFORMED OF DECISION BY PRESIDENT TO APPOINT MR. HENRY KERRY, A LAWYER FROM HOUSTON, TO THE REMAINDER OF DR. KAMM'S TERM AS US REPRESENTATIVE ON EXECUTIVE BOARD. UNLESS PERMREP POSITION IS FILLED BY SOMEONE WITH APPROPRIATE EXPERIENCE AND BACKGROUND, BOTH SENATOR RIBICOFF AND CONGRESSIONAL STAFFERS COULD VERY WELL THROW BACK AT US ASSURANCE GIVEN IN FEBRUARY 25 LETTER TO FASCELL. (AS YOU MAY RECALL, THAT LETTER READ IN PART: "WE RECOGNIZE THE NECESSITY OF THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE US REPRESENTATION TO UNESCO...AND WILL TAKE STEPS TO THAT END.") AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE COMMITMENT TO SEND FURTHER LETTER ABOUT UNESCO TO FASCELL BY END OF MAY -- AND THAT LETTER CAN BE STRENGTHENED IF DON OR SOME OTHER INDIVIDUAL WITH APPROPRIATE BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE IS CHOSEN TO REPLACE JONES.

4. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSIONER: WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING ANY FURTHER CONCLUSIONS RE STRATEGY FOR HR COMMISSIONER YOU MAY HAVE REACHED IN YOUR MEETINGS IN ABIDJAN AND MONROVIA. CHRISTOPHER

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